(a) whether Government proposed to streamline and make transparent the procedure of getting permit for introducing authorised International air services for foreign airlines;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposal; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) There is already an established Policy under which foreign airlines are granted traffic rights under bilateral air services agreement on the basis of reciprocity keeping in view the requirement of tourism, travel and international trade. Traffic rights are granted essentially to cater to the direct traffic between the two contracting countries.

**Permission for Exploration of Mines**

2200. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Government for seeking permission for the exploration of rocks, conducting survey, mining and sales in larger areas during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97; State-wise; and

(b) the number of cases cleared till December, 1996. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Mining Rights are granted by the concerned State Government in accordance with provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 and the rules made thereunder. However, for minerals specified in the first schedule of the MM (R&D) Act no prospecting licence or mining lease shall be granted by the State Government except with the previous approval of the Central Government.

The number of proposals received for prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mineral concession and the number of cases disposed of during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till December, 1996), State-wise are given in the statement enclosed.

**Statement**

*Cases received and disposed of for Mineral Concession State-wise during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and from 1.4.1996 to 31.12.1996*

| Name of State | Year 94-95 1.4.94 to 31.3.95 | | Year 95-96 1.4.95 31.3.96 | | Year 1996 1.4.96 to 31.12.96 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Recd./Disd*. | | Recd./Disd*. | | Recd./Disd* | |
| 1 | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | |
| Andhra Pradesh | 42 | 41 | 25 | 35 | 23 | 19 |
| Assam | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | -01 |
| Bihar | 11 | 11 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 9 |
| Goa | - | - | 5 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Gujarat | 30 | 27 | 9 | 6 | 23 | 16 |
| Haryana | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | - | 1 |
| Himachal Pradesh | - | - | 5 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Karnataka | 20 | 20 | 21 | 30 | 12 | 19 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 144 | 141 | 125 | 180 | 47 | 53 |
| Maharashtra | 3 | 3 | 17 | 25 | 13 | 12 |
| Orissa | 43 | 38 | 61 | 70 | 19 | 20 |
| Rajasthan | 19 | 17 | 29 | 38 | 23 | 21 |
| Tamil Nadu | 50 | 50 | 33 | 40 | 27 | 20 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Kerala | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Meghalaya | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| West Bengal | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Total | 374 | 360 | 360 | 462 | 196 | 195 |

*(This includes the cases Brought forward from previous year)

*[Translation]*

**Employment of All by the Year 2002**

2201. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV:
JUSTIC GUMAN MAL LODHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Rojgar Ke Divaswapan Kab Tak' appearing in 'Jansatta' dated December 26, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Committee on employment of the National Development Council has extended some suggestions to achieve the target fixed for providing employment to all by the year 2002 in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any concrete step is being taken by the Government to implement these recommendations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The National Development Council (NDC) Committee on Employment has recommended for vigorously pursuing the main elements of strategy, policies and programmes for increasing the pace of employment generation. The Eighth Plan envisages a strategy of accelerated employment generation through